

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1-18. (CANCELED)

19. (NEW) A bale lift device comprising:

- (a) a back frame having a first end and a second end, and being constructed for attachment to a loader arm and to a hydraulic cylinder attached to the loader arm;
- (b) a stabilizing member and a plurality of teeth extending from the stabilizing member, and wherein the plurality of teeth are constructed for spearing a bale; and
- (c) a rotation axis attached to the back frame and the stabilizing member to allow rotation of the back frame relative to the stabilizing member.

20. (NEW) A bale lift device according to claim 19, wherein the back frame first end comprises a first end stabilizing member, and the back frame second end comprises a back frame second end stabilizing member.

21. (NEW) A bale lift device according to claim 20, wherein the back frame further comprises back frame extensions for holding the first end stabilizing member and the second end stabilizing member in place.

22. (NEW) A front end loader comprising:

- a pair of hydraulic cylinders and a pair of loader arms;
- a bale lift device attached to the pair of hydraulic cylinders and the pair of loader arms, wherein the bale lift device comprises:
 - (a) a back frame having a first end and a second end, and being constructed for attachment to a loader arm and to a hydraulic cylinder attached to the loader arm;
 - (b) a stabilizing member and a plurality of teeth extending from the stabilizing member, and wherein the plurality of teeth are constructed for spearing a bale; and

(c) a rotation axis attached to the back frame and the stabilizing member to allow rotation of the back frame relative to the stabilizing member.

23. (NEW) A front end loader according to claim 22, further comprising a quick attachment device having a first member and a second member provided for rapid attachment and detachment, the first member being attached to the bale lift device and the second member being attached to the pair of hydraulic cylinders and the pair of loader arms.

24. (NEW) A bale lift device according to claim 22, wherein the back frame first end comprises a first end stabilizing member, and the back frame second end comprises a back frame second end stabilizing member.

25. (NEW) A bale lift device according to claim 24, wherein the back frame further comprises back frame extensions for holding the first end stabilizing member and the second end stabilizing member in place.

26. (NEW) A method for transporting a bale, the method comprising:
engaging a bale with a bale lift device provided on a front end loader of a tractor, wherein the front end loader has left and right attachment hydraulic cylinders and left and right loader arms, and the bale lift device is attached to the left and right attachment hydraulic cylinders and the left and right loader arms, the bale lift device comprising:

(a) a back frame having a first end and a second end, and being constructed for attachment to a loader arm and to a hydraulic cylinder attached to the loader arm;

(b) a stabilizing member and a plurality of teeth extending from the stabilizing member, and wherein the plurality of teeth are constructed for spearing a bale;

(c) a rotation axis attached to the back frame and the stabilizing member to allow rotation of the back frame relative to the stabilizing member; and
moving the bale to a new location.

27. (NEW) A method according to claim 26, further comprising a step of disengaging the bale from the bale lift device.

28. (NEW) A method according to claim 27, wherein the step of disengaging comprises extending the left and right hydraulic cylinders to cause the back frame the plurality of teeth to rotate relative to each other.

29. (NEW) A bale lift device according to claim 26, wherein the back frame first end comprises a first end stabilizing member, and the back frame second end comprises a back frame second end stabilizing member.

30. (NEW) A bale lift device according to claim 26, wherein the back frame further comprises back frame extensions for holding the first end stabilizing member and the second end stabilizing member in place.

Support for Amendment

The specification is amended at page 3, line 26, to correct a typographical error. It is clear that reference number 16 refers to a spear member.

Original claims 1-18 are canceled in view of new claims 19-30.

The bale lift of claims 19-21 is supported by the specification at page 3, line 18 through page 6, line 7, and Figures 1-6. The back frame of claim 19 (a) is supported by the specification at page 4, lines 18-21, and page 5, lines 1-12. The stabilizing member and plurality of teeth of claim 19 (b) is supported by the specification at page 4, lines 8-17. The rotation axis of claim 19 (c) is supported by the specification at page 5, lines 13-27.

Claims 22 and 26 are based upon original claims 10 and 12 and refer to the bale lift device identified by claim 19.

Claims 20, 21, 24, 25, 29, and 30 are supported by the specification at page 4, lines 18-30.

Claim 23 is supported by the specification at page 5, lines 1-12.

Claims 27 and 28 are supported by original claim 13 and by the specification at page 6, lines 8-23.

In view of the above comments, no new matter is introduced by this amendment and entry thereof is requested. Upon entry, claims 19-30 are active in this application.